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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0794

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, CG

SUBJECT: BONGOS CONCERN OVER ZAIRE SITUATION

1. IN COURSEMEETING MARCH 31, GOG PRESIDENT BONGO EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN AT DETERIORATION OF INTERNAL SITUATION IN ZAIRE.
  2. BONGO HAS RECEIVED REPORTS ABOUT POOR FIGHTING QUALITIES OF ZAIRIAN FORCES CLOSELY PARALLELING THOSE CONTAINED STATE 70142 AND PREVIOUS. HE FEARS THAT COMBINATION OF MILITARY REVERSES AND POPULAR DISCONTENT OVER DISASTROUS ECONOMIC SITUATION COLD SPELL SERIOUS TROUBLE FOR MOBUTU.
  3. BONGO REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN INCONTACT WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ABOUT ZAIRE SITUATION, AND URGED LATTER TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE ON GROUND THAT SURVIVAL OF MOBUTU IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEPING ZZAIRE IN WESTERN CAMP. GOF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER JOURNIAC VISITED MOBUTU AS GISCARDS SPECIAL EMISSARY AND CAME AWAY WITH REQUEST FOR HELP AT GENERAL STAFF  
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- LEVEL IN ADDITION TO MATERIAL. (BONGO COMMENTED ACIDLY THAT WHAT ZAIRIAN ARMY NEEDS IS GOOD SERGEANTS EVEN MORE THAN EXTRA OFFICERS.)
4. BONGO CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT USG WOULD ALSO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO PROP UP MOBUTU REGIME, AND HE FEARS MOBUTU MAY BE UNALBE TO LAST OUT

THE YEAR IN ABSENCE OF MAJOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. STEIGMAN

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